MIDDLE SCHOOL
2ND YEAR HERO
NOGI WAKABA
年九月一日
SEPTEMBER 1ST
MORNING!!

MIDDLE SCHOOL 1ST YEAR HERO IYOJIMA ANZU
AND HERE I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE TAMA!!
MIDDLE SCHOOL 2ND YEAR HERO DOI TAMAKO
AAH!! WAKABA GOT HERE FIRST AGAIN!!
PLEASE DON'T START A FIGHT, TAMACCHI-
TOMORROW I'LL BE FIRST FOR SURE!!
Ta-Tamacchi-senpai-
"Tamacchi-senpai" repeat it!
BUT THE "TAMACCHI" PART IS FINE, HUH?
TAMA-CCHI-"SENPAI"!!
I'M YOUR UPPER-CLASSMAN, YA KNOW

GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE
MORNING, HINATA
The breasts are talking?!
MIDDLE SCHOOL 2ND YEAR MIKO UESATO HINATA
EH?
Showing them off again
I"LL PUNISH THESE DEVILISH LUMPS RIGHT AT THIS INSTANT!!
HEY-!! TAMACCHI-SAN!?
PLEASE DON'T FONDLE THEM!!

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HYA AAA !!
I'M NOT FONDLING I'M TEARING THEM OFF!!
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CALM YOUR-SELF, DO!!
GOOOOD MOOORNING!
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MIDDLE SCHOOL 3RD YEAR HERO KOORI CHIKAGE

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THANK GOD, I'M NOT LATE!
MIDDLE SCHOOL 2RD YEAR HERO TAKASHIMA YUUNA
MORNING, GUN-CHAN
MORNING... TAKASHIMA -SAN
YOU'RE LATE, HM?
I WAS PRACTICING TO THAT MARTIAL ARTS SHOW THAT WAS ON AND ENDED UP STAYING UP LATE
CHOP!
ROUND HOUSE KICK!
I- IF YOU RAISE YOUR LEG SO HIGH, YOUR PANTIES WILL...

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CLASS IS STARTING
EHEHE
IT'S JUST FOR THE TIME BEING, THOUGH
THE FIVE "HEROES" WHO WIELD THE POWER OF THE GODS
AND THE SINGLE "MIKO" WHO HEARS THE VOICE OF THE GODS
EVERYONE, PLEASE SIT DOWN
ROGER, LEADER!!
HERE, THE HEROES AND THE MIKO COME TOGETHER
THE SPECIAL SCHOOL FOR THE SIX OF THEM

AFTER THE VERTEX INVASION OF THREE YEARS AGO
THE KEY FORTRESS THAT PROTECTS SHIKOKU
THE "SHINJU", WHO HOLDS THE POWER OF THE GODS, APPEARED IN SHIKOKU
MARUGAME CASTLE
IN THE SETO INLAND SEA GREW AN ENORMOUS WALL OF ROOTS

IN THIS WALLED GARDEN
A DIVINE BARRIER THAT GRANTS PEACE
WE SPEND OUR DAYS WITH TRAINING TO PREPARE FOR BATTLE
INSIDE IT
IT'S NOGI FROM KAGAWA
HOWEVER, JAPAN STILL HAS
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A FEW PLACES LEFT LIKE THIS
IT'S SHIRATORI FROM SUWA
LET'S START OUR SCHEDULED HERO COMMUNICATION
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO IT
HOW'S THE SITUATION OVER THERE?
THERE HAS BEEN A BATTLE, BUT NO HUMAN CASUALTIES
WE'RE MAINTAINING THE BARRIER WITHOUT PROBLEMS
ALTHOUGH, THE BARRIER USED TO COVER THE WHOLE AREA AROUND THE LAKE
3 YEARS PRIOR
LAKE SUWA
PRESENT DAY
IT'S A HARSH SITUATION, ISN'T IT
...NO KIDDING
BUT ANYWAYS

IT'S NOT LIKE ANYTHING WAS EVER NOT HARSH SINCE THREE YEARS AGO
THAT'S FOR CERTAIN
SHIRA-TORI UTANO
THE SINGLE HERO WHO PROTECTS SUWA
EXCUSE ME, THERE WAS TOO MUCH NOISE
WE'RE GETTING MORE OF IT LATELY, AREN'T WE
SHE IS A STR-ONG PER-SON
NO... GI-SA... CAN YOU HEA...E?
WHO KNOWS HOW LONG THIS CONNECTION WILL LAST...
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SHIRATORI-SAN
YES
SHOULDN'T WE GET TO THE NEXT POINT ABOUT NOW?
YOU'RE RIGHT
LET'S SETTLE IT TODAY
UDON AND SOBA
UDON
VS
SOBA
WHICH OF THEM IS SUPERIOR
LET"S DUKE IT OUT!!

WE COULDN'T SETTLE IT YESTERDAY, EITHER...
DON'T READ WHEN YOU'RE EATING
Give back my novel
THANKS FOR THE FOOD
BUT EVEN THEN-
THANKS
WAKABA-CHAN, OVER HERE

NOTHING BUT TRAINING EVERY DAY
パレンチ
WHY CAN'T WE DO SOMETHING ELSE SOMETIMES?
HEROES ARE THE ONLY ONES WHO CAN HOLD UP AGAINST THE ENEMY, SO...
BUT WHEN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT NORMAL MIDDLE SCHOOLERS
GOING OUT TO PLAY WITH FRIENDS
FALLING IN LOVE AND STUFF...
THAT'S HOW THEY SHOULD BE LIVING, AIN'T IT?
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THIS IS A TIME OF EMERGENCY

FOR THE SAKE OF US FIGHTERS, THEY'VE REMODELED THE MARUGAME CASTLE AND EVEN BUILT A DORMITORY AND A CAFETERIA CLOSE TO IT.
AND BECAUSE OF THAT THE ANTI-VERTEX ORGANIZATION THAT SERVES SHINJU-SAMA, THE TAISHA, CAME TO POWER.
WE'VE HEARD THIS MANY TIMES IN CLASS
IF WE DON'T WORK HARD
MANKIND WILL BE DESTROYED BY THE ENEMY (VERTEX)

I GOT IT ALREADY !!
I GOT IT!!
WE ARE THE SPEAR-HEAD OF HUMANITY-
... SORRY

WHAT'S THE MATTER, GUYS?
ALL FINISHED!!
DELICIOUS AS ALWAYS!!
Good grief...
IT'S FINE
WHY ARE YOU SIGHING?
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IF WE'RE ALL DOING OUR BEST, WE'LL MAKE IT SOMEHOW!!
RIGHT?

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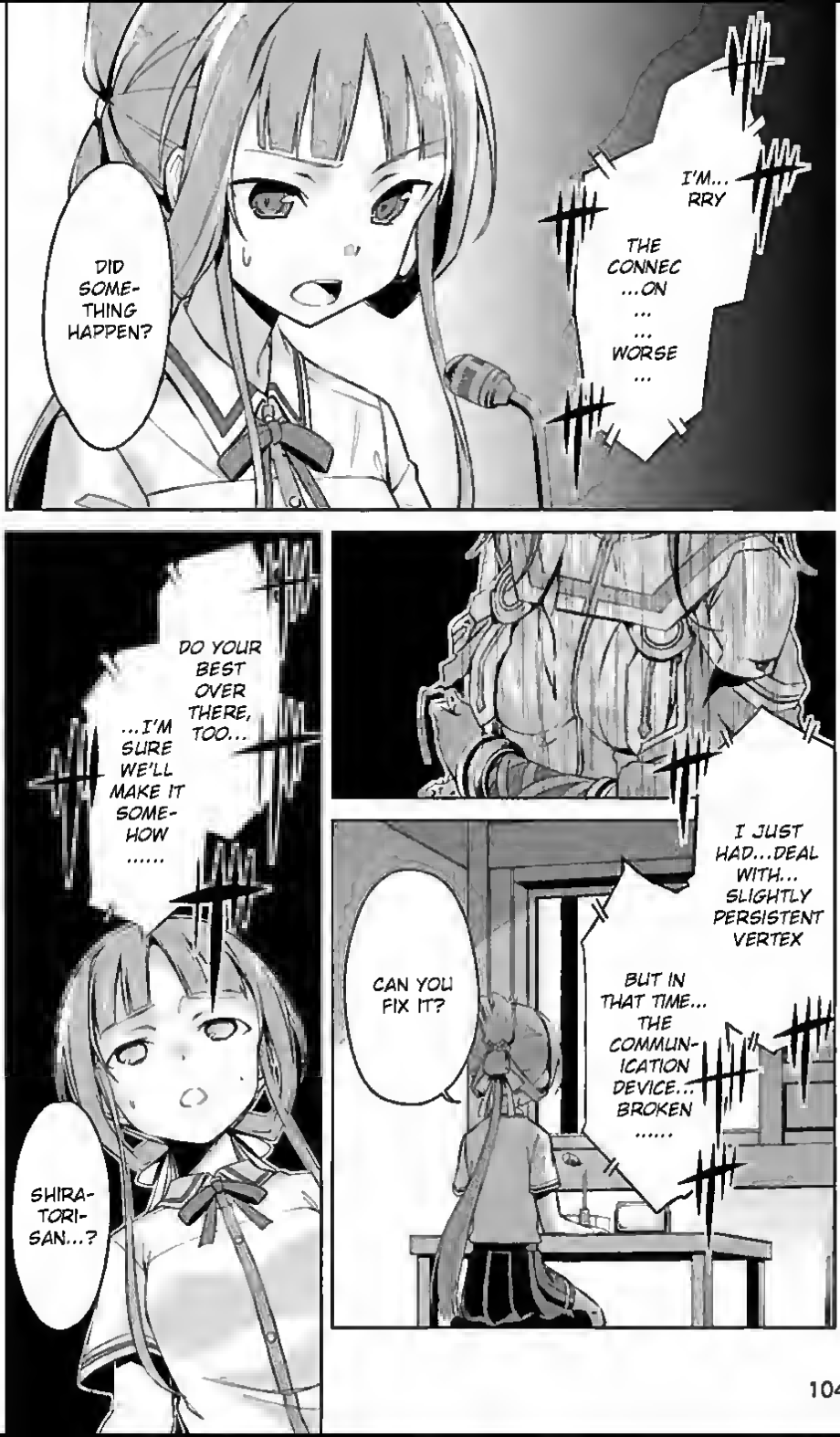
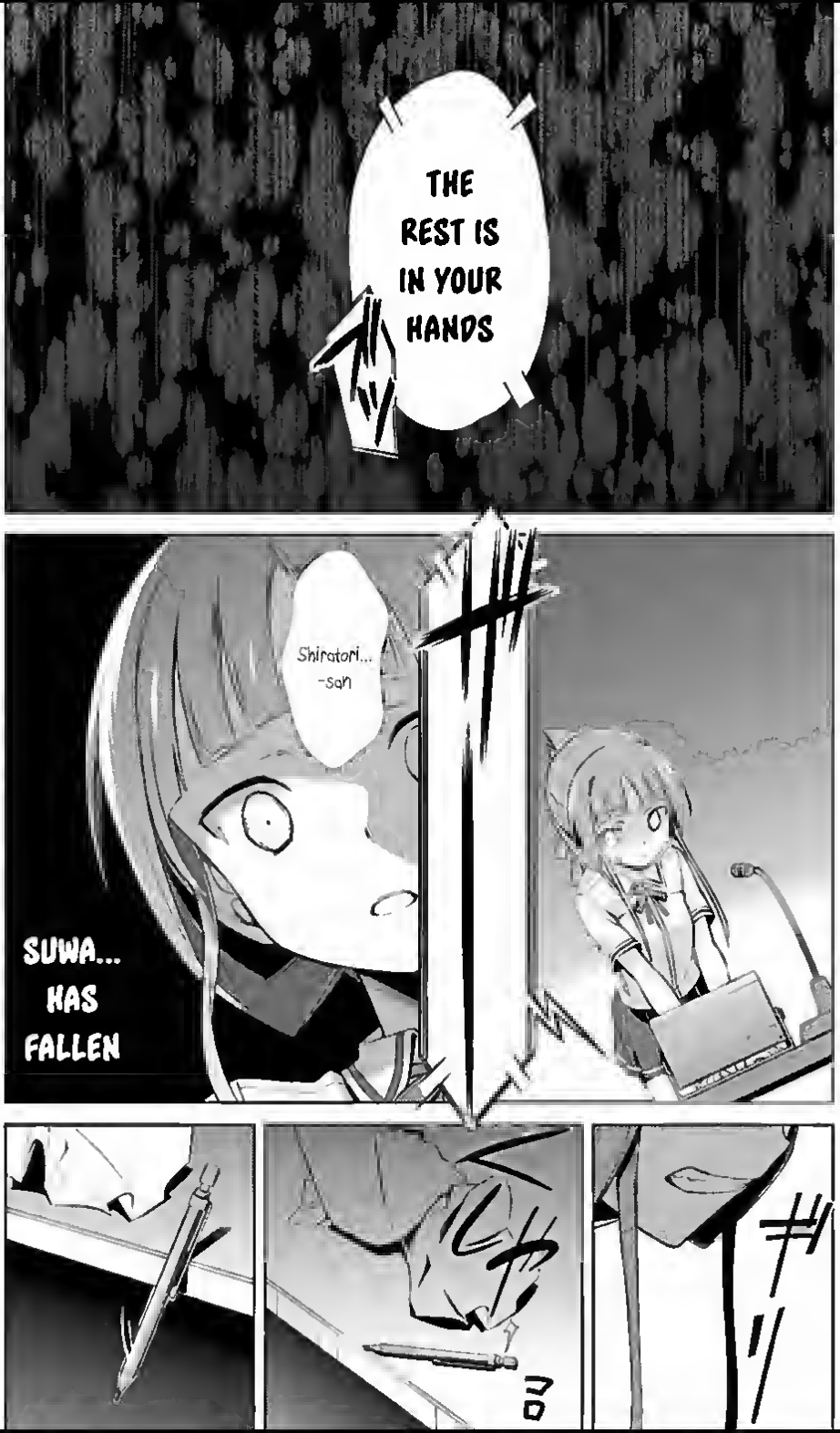
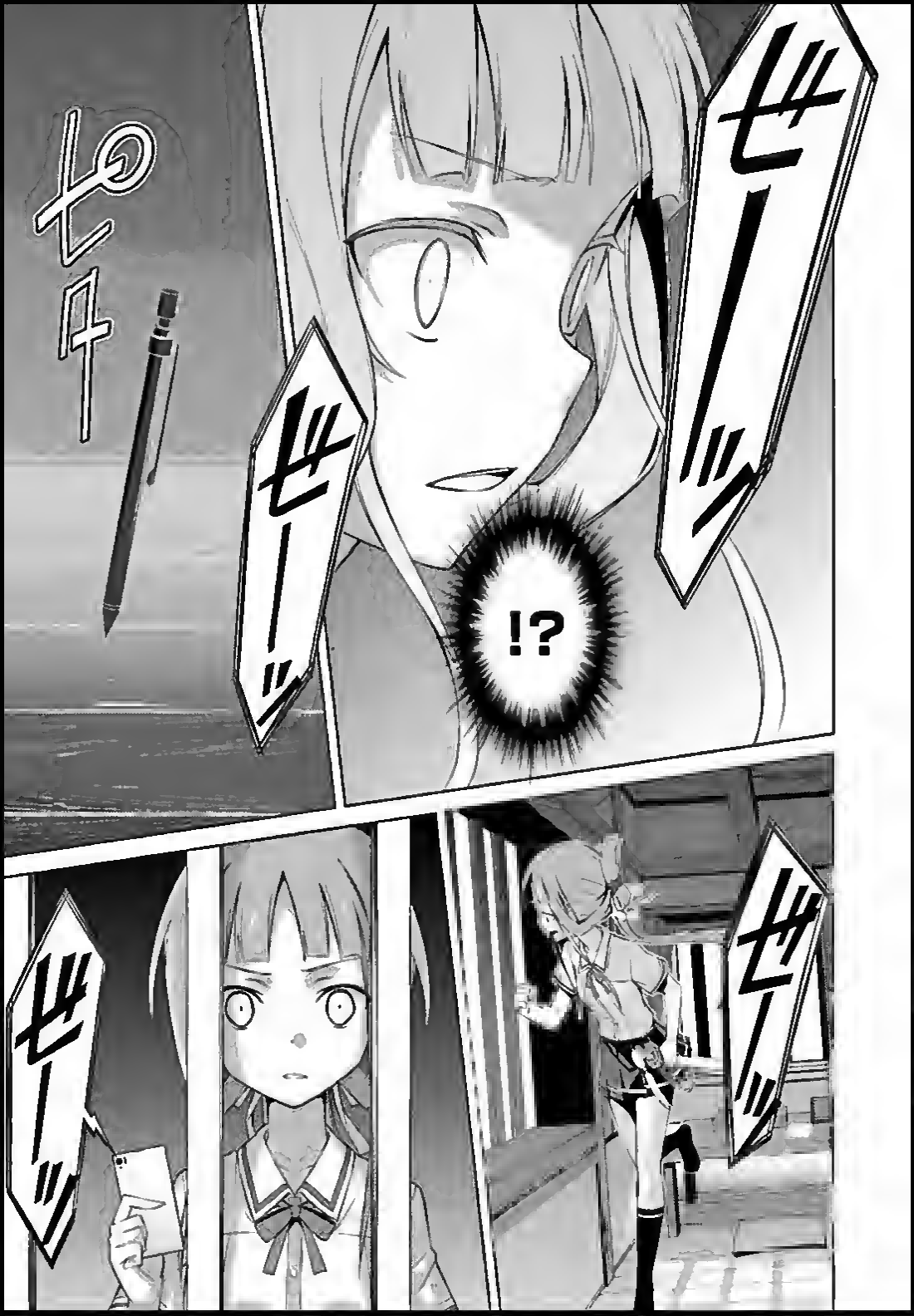
YOU CAN'T HELP IT WHEN IT'S DELICIOUS
THOUGH THAT'S COMING FROM SOMEONE WHO'S STILL LIGHT-HEADED FROM UDON
MAYBE I'M NOT CUT OUT TO BE THE LEADER
EVEN THOUGH I SHOULD KNOW THE FEELING
OF BEING AFRAID TO FIGHT THE ENEMY
WHY'S THAT?
I FORCED MY OWN OPINIONS ON MY COMRADES

BECAUSE THE REALITY OF BATTLE
THOSE WORRIES WON'T MATTER IN THE END
WEIGHS MUCH HEAVIER THAN OUR THOUGHTS
AND SOME WEEKS LATER-


DID SOME-THING HAPPEN?
I'M... RRY
THE CONNEC ...ON ... ... WORSE ...
SHIRA-TORI-SAN...?
...I'M SURE WE'LL MAKE IT SOME-HOW .....
DO YOUR BEST OVER THERE, TOO...
CAN YOU FIX IT?
BUT IN THAT TIME... THE COMMUN-ICATION DEVICE... BROKEN .....
I JUST HAD...DEAL WITH... SLIGHTLY PERSISTENT VERTEX

I, TOO... MANAGED TO FULFILL MY DUTY
CAN YOU HEAR ME!? SHIRATORI-SAN!?
FOR TWO YEARS LONGER ..... THAN I'D EXPECTED ...
PLEASE ANSWER ME!!
NOGI-SAN


THE REST IS IN YOUR HANDS
Shiratori... -san
SUWA... HAS FALLEN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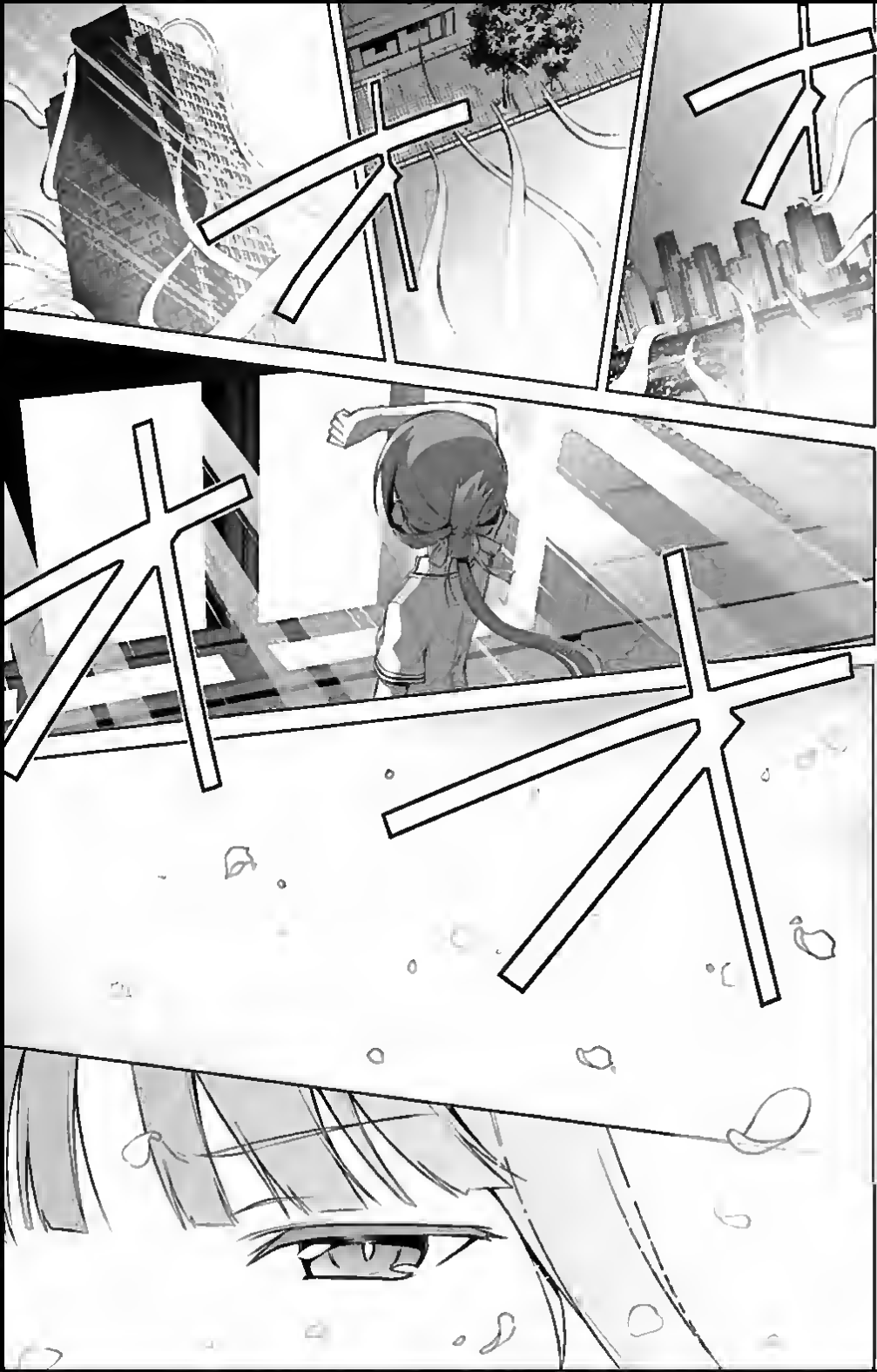
FORESTIZE WARNING
VERTEXES HAVE BROKEN THROUGH THE WALL.
PLEASE DISPATCH TO PROTECT MANKIND.
CONFIRM
THIS IS SHINJU-SAMA'S ...!!



THEY FINALLY CAME...THE VERTEX!!
... SHIR-ATORI-SAN
WE HAVE INHERITED THE DUTY
TO PROTECT MANKIND

WE, THE HEROES OF SHIKOKU WILL FACE THE ENEMY FROM THIS MARUGAME!!
THE HERO NOGI WAKABA GOES OFF TO BATTLE!!